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NEW BRIEFS

Volunteers come forward to be injected with AIDS

CHICAGO, ILL.—A group of doctors and public health advocates have volunteered to become the first to be injected with a test vaccine containing a live strain of the AIDS virus.

"Ultimately, the only way to get a hit to AIDS is a safe, effective and accessible vaccine," said Dr. Zang, of the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care. The leaders of the study, frustrated with the slow fight against AIDS, say they will go ahead with the research whether or not they receive the government's blessing.

Whitman gets full funding for reelection campaign

LAWRENCEVILLE.—The Whitman for Governor Committee made its sixth matching funds request today filing for \$216,313. With this filing the Whitman campaign is the first to apply for full matching funds. "With only fifty days remaining until the election, completing our matching funds requests will allow us to focus on voter contact. This filing gives the Whitman campaign access to the full \$4.6 million made available to candidates who participate in the public matching funds programs.

Monmouth County gets first grant for Minority Health Month

FREEHOLD.—The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners was selected to receive the first \$100,000 grant as part of "Minority Health Month" in New Jersey.

The grant will initiate a County Immunization Outreach Program that will, according to County Executive Theodore Naragund, "increase immunization levels among children among children of various ethnic and racial minorities." The program will enlist the support of community organizations to identify children in need of immunizations and services and link them to providers of primary and preventive health care.

Company involved in 'slamming' will make refunds to NJ residents

NEWARK.—New Jersey is included in five states that will receive a total of \$135,000 from Winstar Creditors Network, Inc., in an accusation of "slamming" telephone customers.

Slamming is the unlawful practice of switching someone's local and/or long distance phone service without that person's permission or knowledge. "It is hard to estimate how many consumers are effected," said state consumer affairs director Mark Herz. "It is important that anyone who believes he or she was slammed come forward."

Teachers cannot pass eighth-grade math test in Paterson

PATERSON.—An elementary school principal concerned about her students low math scores was further dismayed when 90 percent of those teachers taking the state's yearly "Warning Test for eighth-grade math" did not pass.

"Obviously, that type of performance is not acceptable among students, let alone the teaching staff of any school district," state education department spokesman Peter Perenziani said. Laval Wilson, former Paterson superintendent of schools doesn't consider the failure a cause for alarm. "This is a difficult test," he said.

NEW YORK.—Last week the New York City Board of Elections was slammed for a mismanaged primary election that resulted in an undercut of both the Sharpton and Messinger mayoral vote. Evidence uncovered during that time also pointed to apparent errors tabulated by the city's police department.

After a review of the election results, it was found that NYPD made 65 errors tallying the votes for the candidates from the 1,050 election districts in Manhattan, then recorded

these errors in the department's central computer.

These mistakes, relied on by the media, overcounted Sharpton's vote and undercounted Messinger, making the calculations, seem closer than the final number and therefore suggesting the possibility of a runoff. These figures are

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relied on and used by the media as they are given.

The police have been involved in gathering the vote count for almost a century. This process began when political reformers made the Board of Election a part of the NYPD to combat the rampant political corruption practiced by the Tammany Hall political machine. Eventually the Board became separate from the department, but the police still guard the polls and record the vote.

In the Board of Election's camp,

there were over 20 mistakes in recording the tabulations from the voting machines resulting in significant undercounting citywide. The individual check of voting machines, though, Messinger was closer to the 40 percent needed to avoid the runoff, with the counting of the write in ballots saving a slim victory.

Lawyers for Al Sharpton went to Federal Court last week and noted incidents of broken voting machines and disallowed write-in ballots as grounds for a run off, regardless to the current outcome.

Congressional Black Caucus focuses on police brutality

By Daryle Lamont Jenkins

WASHINGTON, DC.—Affirmative action, the plight of black farmers, environmental racism, and police brutality were among the many issues addressed at the Congressional Black Caucus 77th annual Conference two weekends ago.

The theme of this year's conference, held at the Washington Convention Center, was Leadership Positions in the New Millennium.

The issue of police brutality took center stage when hundreds of activists, family members and community leaders marched to and inside the convention center to address the issue and solutions to the problem in a hearing organized by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) and Ron Daniels, Executive Director of the Center for Constitutional Rights.

Although many urban areas were represented most of the participants were from the New York and New Jersey area. Among them were Portia Auten of the New Brunswick Coalition Against Police Brutality, who asked police to join her on September 29 in the Middlesex County Courthouse as her son and two others face assault and other charges surrounding a scuffle at the old US #1 Flea Market with a veteran New Brunswick police officer.

"I wake up at 3 o'clock in the morning with information by police officers in front of my house because I'm taking a stand," she said. "I'm asking Congressmen Conyers to take a stand with me and investigate this corrupt situation in New Brunswick."

Austin spoke at the beginning of the forum at a time when he formally gave testimony to the audience.

A surprise appearance was that of Geromino Pratt, a former Black Panther spokesman who was incarcerated for a murder many believe he did not commit. He was released this year after the conviction was overturned and at this appearance received a standing ovation.

"If you are an able-bodied member of that society, that you have to stand up against these kind of things," Pratt said. Pratt stressed that it will take a more assertive approach by the community to reclaim society from right-wing forces he sees as the problem.

African-American women gear up for October march

By Arlene Edmonds

Special to NJAFA From the Philadelphia Tribune

African-American women from around the country will converge on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway Saturday, Oct. 25 for the Million Women March (MWM). Part of the mission for the march is to help Black women regain control of families, strengthen the foundation of the community and acknowledge the strengths that exist within the collective voices of these families, organizers said.

Weekly community-wide meetings are being held to plan, strategize and mobilize women for this historic event.

The first neighborhood satellite office opened two weeks ago in the northeastern sections of Philadelphia. They held meetings every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

When the office of state Rep. LeAnna Washington, D-Phila., held its second annual Washington Day, Oct. 22, public relations coordinator for the MWM, was also on hand to greet the community.

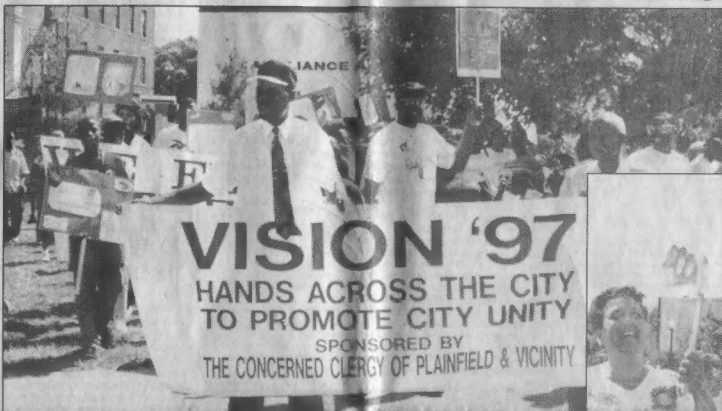
"This is an event which will bring our issues to a global level," said Ngozi. "We are encouraging sisters from around the country to bring their issues. As we females are always concerned about our children, our families, health and medical care and education. That's why it's important that for this day we bond together at the Million Women March and bring your platform on the international attention it deserves."

The platform issues include national and international issues. Maxine Waters in her efforts to effectively bring a probe into the CIA's participation and its relationship to the influx of drugs into the African-American community.

Educationally, the platform addresses the need to develop more independent African-American schools for the 21st century. The grade levels should extend from preschool to 12th grade. In addition, there is also a

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Hands across the city promotes unity



The Concerned Clergy of Plainfield recently sponsored a march through Plainfield focusing on the theme "Vision 87." Hands across the city to promote unity in Plainfield. Two groups marched from the East and West sides of the city meeting at Mt Madison for a joyful celebration. At left, Rev LaVERN B. BELL, president of the Concerned Clergy helps to lead the festivities.

Asbury Park Public Housing upgrade

By g.e. matts

Asbury Park Public Housing is on the road to improvement with a deliberation that will yield lasting results.

Asbury Park Housing Authority (APHA) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently announced that the APHA has been designated as a "standard performer" and therefore removed from HUD's list of troubled sites.

Under a pilot program developed by HUD, Asbury Park is the first city to have what is called a confirmatory review of its overall functions. During the week-long review it was determined that the housing authority's has almost doubled its housing management assessment program (PHMAP) score for the fiscal year ending March 31. Now at a level of 65.5 percent, the score has increased by 32.7 points. PHMAP is the system by which all public housing authorities are scored.

The progress that has been made so far was the result of diligent work between APHA and HUD. In the housing authority camp is Claudia Sweeney, APHA Executive Director, who came to the position in 1996-two years after public housing in Asbury Park received a PHMAP score of 32.8 percent, placing it in the "troubled" category. Noting that public housing in Asbury Park was not performing properly in the areas of finance, maintenance and occupancy, "we did quite a few things to improve the situation," she said, putting into effect several procedures to improve the overall habitability of the housing units.

The first step was to put into effect an aggressive rehabilitation program, focusing on up to 90 apartments, some long vacant. "Some apartments were in such a state of disrepair that we had to demolish them," Sweeney said. "As people moved out, these apartments were just not made ready for approval needed by the city before they could be occupied."

The rehab program was coupled with a turn-around in the maintenance department, implemented with the hiring of a maintenance coordinator and streamlining the whole process of getting repairs done.

With these noticeable improvements underway, Sweeney, who spent 20 years developing communities and housing developments in Florida, began a serious tightening of rent collection guidelines. "There were people in this housing authority who had not paid rent in years—and still lived here," she says. While uncertain if there were any guidelines in place, "now if you don't pay rent, you will be evicted."

Other improvements included the hiring of a private security firm for the safety of tenants and visitors. This reduced police calls by 50 percent. A computer system was instituted to keep track of general maintenance and rent collection. This new computer system coincides with the introduction of a computer lab offering classes for adults and young people as well as tutorial and GED programs.

When Sweeney came to the housing authority, she had a deficit of over \$200,000, a particular sore point with HUD. "Now we have about \$300,000 in reserves," Sweeney claims. This is almost the 20 percent the government agency says is necessary to maintain a well-run authority. The revenue was generated by the increased efficiency of rent collection and the relief of some sewer taxes by the city.

"We also did a little homework," Sweeney continues. By going back through the records, we found that the authority was owed money by HUD.

Although APHA is just getting starting in the process of improvement, with these and other quality of life improvements, Sweeney says old and new residents of Public Housing in Asbury Park can look forward to better conditions, and the housing authority can look forward to higher ratings from HUD.

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Housing head fights for job

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Reese's degree is in English, with a enough courses to qualify as a minor in psychology, and she feels that her experience, along with additional courses sponsored by Rutgers and the Department of Community Affairs towards certification as an Executive Director qualifies her for the position. She also feels that the law is vague: "Who's to say exactly what is appropriate until the educational and work experience is reviewed," she said.

Claiming success as executive director, and listing her accomplishments both in the areas of financial and administrative improvements, Reese has requested a hearing before the state office of Administrative Law. "This law is fairly new," she said, and she has the time to clarify what is appropriate.

Tenants are generally supportive of Reese, and applaud her efforts. Marjorie Hollis, a resident of Elm

Wool End Gardens speaks about the improvement: "At one time, drugs were so bad out here until you were scared to get out there and walk—no one cared and no one came out. Now Ms. Reese will come out, no matter what time you call her."

Another tenant of Elm Wool End Gardens, Robert Morris, is behind her 100 percent. He said, "When Carolyn came in to office, things were in an uproar. She's straightened things out and she's been here. The place looks better and she got people on top of their jobs. I think she's remarkable."

Joan Hollis, Commissioner of the Housing Authority of Plainfield, and daughter of Marjorie Hollis, confirms the tenants good opinion: "Ms. Reese worked with plainfield housing several years ago before she took a position in Newark. When she came back to Plainfield, housing was in a crisis situation. She

has made a complete turn around here; taking an interest in the residents, not taking money out of the area, and generally being responsive. Additionally, improvements have been made in the maintenance department, which is very important."

"I really believe that this is not about Ms. Reese's educational background. I think this action on Ms. Reese is one of discrimination and politics," Commissioner Hollis said.

About 100 people attended a rally for Reese recently to let their voice be heard in the commissioner's office. Residents gave supportive testimonials, and "Even the children working in the housing summer programs came out to thank her for the jobs she provided for them," Joan Hollis said.

Kai Niyomu contributed to this story.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College's Women's Center will hold a discussion on "Women Raising Your Self-Esteem." For more information, call 200-3189.

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Museum presents an exhibition, "Jersey City: Shaping America's Pottery Industry." For more information, call 201-547-4514.

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents "Adolf Korned: The Old Neighborhood, Newark in the 1940s" through Nov. 9th. For more information, call 973-596-6638.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

CRANFORD—"Introduction to Global Business" will be held at Union County College from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays through Dec. 4th. For more information, call 973-750-7503.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

CHERRY HILL—NJ State NAACP presents the 37th Jubilee Convention at the Sheraton through the 28th. Workshops: State of Public Education, Cross-Race/ethnic Issues of NJ, Protection of Civil-Human Rights and Economic Development and Empowerment. For more information, call 201-942-5847.

EAST ORANGE—East Orange Public Library presents a Senior Citizen Film, Vol. IV, "Flame Trees of Thika." For more information, call 201-268-5600.

NEWARK—Rutgers Small Business Development Center provides a course on "How to Write an Effective Business Plan" from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 201-353-5950.

WEST LONG BRANCH—Monmouth University presents a one woman show, "Faces of America," addressing multiculturalism. For more information, call 732-571-9474.

NEWARK—The International Black Women's Congress, 13th Annual Conference on Violence Against Black women: Socio-Cultural Solutions at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. For more information, call 732-932-0570.

NEW BRUNSWICK/PISCATAWAY—Enterprise reporting topic of Journalism Resources Institute seminar at Brown Brothers, College Avenue. For more information, call 732-932-7359.

WAYNE—William Paterson University's distinguished lecturer series opens with a lecture by George Stephanopoulos, former assistant to President Bill Clinton, who will discuss

"Politics: The Art of the Impossible." The program begins at 8 p.m. in Shea Center.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

NEWARK—Garden State Ballet School holds fall scholarship tryouts for boys and girls ages 7 to 12 years. For more information, call 201-623-1033.

EDISON—The Edison Recreation Department will have their "1997 Fall Festival of Fireworks" at the Edison Municipal Complex starting at 12 noon. Calling all vendors and exhibitors. For more information, call 732-246-7312.

HOLMIDEL—The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial will be the final destination for the second annual Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Run in honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day. For more information, call 732-335-0033.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

ELIZABETH—The Union County Board of Chosen Fireholders invite all members of the public to its 16th annual Harvest Festival, a celebration of colonial and Native American life. For more information, call (908) 789-3670.

EAST ORANGE—East Orange Public Library presents Curia Watkins, Tenor, in concert. For more information, call (201) 266-5600.

MONTECLAIR—Montclair State University presents a jazz performance featuring Dee Dee Bridgewater at the Memorial Auditorium. For more information, call 201-655-7689.

TRENTON—Join chefs from Cape May for the Cape May Food and Wine Festival through the 30th. For more information, call 1-800-Jersey-7.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College presents a free afternoon lecture by author, Susan Beth Pfeffer. She's the author of *What Do You Do When Your Mom's Not Open* and *Nobody's Daughter*. For more information, call 201-200-3426.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

WESTFIELD—The Wellness Initiative with Senior Educators (W.I.S.E.) offers an intensive, free 8-week training program held at the Council's office. For more information, call 908-233-8810.

WHARTON—A breakfast reception celebrating Morris County's Kickoff for Affordable Housing Month at the Wharton Senior House from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information call 973-644-2757.

Companies Tee Off For Kids



Twenty-five companies, primarily from New Jersey and New York, have signed on to support Family and Children's Services of Elizabeth as it hosts its 1st Annual Golf Tournament at the Basking Ridge Country Club on September 15. Tournament committee members are, seated from left, Ann Gowney, Mountaineer; Committee Co-Chair Rose Rivers, Westfield, and Nida Thomas, Elizabeth; Ghilana Dickerson, Standing from left are Ghilana Dickerson, Elizabeth; Committee Co-Chair Nancy King, Summit, and Gina Varady, Hillsdale.

The "New Kids" on the block The 3 Headed Cobra Martial Arts System



Masters and students of the 3 Headed Cobra Martial Arts System include, front row from left to right, Master Keith McLurray, Desiree Phillips, Kamia Cason, Richard Vega, Stephen Mays, Jr., Taurean Brown, Kasau Wilson, Jessiah Jefferson and Master Teddy "Rab" Mercer, Jr. In the back row, from left to right, are Frederick Pinckney, Master Gregory Shipmon and Dean Leon Butler.

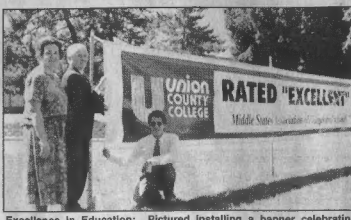
The 3 Headed Cobra Martial (3HC) Arts System located in Jersey City is headed by Director and Master Teddy "RAB" Mercer Jr. with Master Keith "KMAC" Mc Murray and Master Gregory B. Shipmon, with the Dean of 3HC, Leon Butler. Business coordinators are Edmonia Phillips and Ursula Cason. Together, they have taken their students to the top in the "1997 Metropolitan Open Karate Championships" held in South Plainfield on August 3. The group won 10 trophies in their first competi-

tion competing against 20 other martial arts schools from the tri-state metropolitan area making them the first school to do so in Region 13, NASKA Rating and New Jersey Professional Karate 1 League.

Their winning started when Master Mercer took third place in Black Belt Breaking Competition. The 3 Headed Cobra team led by Desiree Phillips, 14, took first place in Kata-the artistic movements of the system in her age group followed by 15-year-old Jessiah Jefferson taking first place in kata and second place in Kumei. Kumei is the physical aspect of the martial art system. Ten-year-old Kasau Brown easily took first place in Kumei and second in Kata.

Although all three lost in the grand championship battles to higher belt rankings, 3HC kept pressing on. Rounding out the ladies under belt fighting team was Kamia Cason who took third place in kumei, and 15-year-old Frederick Pinckney won a hard fought and well deserved second place kumei in his age group. His teammate, Steven Mays, Jr., took second place in kumei as well, and third in kata. Special mention goes to Kasau Wilson and Richard Vega for competing and showing the Warrior's Spirit.

UCC reaccredited



Excellence in Education: Pictured installing a banner celebrating Union County College's reaccreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools are, left to right, Dr. Sondra Fishinger, Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, Dr. Thomas H. Brown, college president, and Brian Penschow, Treasurer of the college's Student Government Association.

Garcia appointed director

NEWARK—Anne-Marie G. Garcia, M.D., M.P.H., has been named Director of the Center for Geriatric Health Care at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Dr. Garcia previously served as assistant director of the Center for Geriatric Health Care prior to her appointment as well as acting director. She is board certified in internal medicine, with added qualifications in geriatric medicine. Dr. Garcia completed residency programs for internal medicine at University Hospital in Newark and a hospital administration residency at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York. She served her medical internship at Spanish Town General Hospital in Jamaica, and received Public Health Service training at Secretaría de Salubridad y Asistencia Hospital

in Guadalajara, Mexico. She is a member of the American Geriatric Society, and is fluent in Spanish, French and Creole.



WPC gets \$100,000 minority education grant

William Paterson University received a \$100,000 grant from the New Jersey Commission of Higher Education recently that will enable the university to create a program to improve minority student retention on campus. The grant will be administered by the Office of Minority Education under the direction of Lester McKee, director of minority education and author of the grant. A minority student refer it an advocate will coordinate the services and activities of the new program. "This project involves the integration of multiple institutional retention and academic support efforts to improve the graduation rate of minority students," McKee said. He added that the goals of the program are to "enhance the enrollment of transfer and minor-

ity students, and improve their academic performance by providing specialized academic tracking, advisement, course selection and mentoring activities."



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PLAINFIELD: 150 Westfield Avenue
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National Council of Negro Women, salutes excellence in teaching



WASHINGTON, D.C.—Each year the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., proudly salutes the winners of its Excellence in Teaching Award, who are honored throughout the summer, in conjunction with regional Black Family Reunion celebrations. Recently, this year's national and six regional winners gathered in Washington, D.C., to receive well-deserved accolades for the skill, innovation and enthusiasm with which they execute their craft. The Excellence in Teaching Award honors seven teachers who consistently go beyond the call of duty to enrich and advance the education of African-American children. Teachers are often the most significant influence in a child's life. The National Council of Negro Women, Inc., is privileged to present this award each year to ensure that these heroes do not go unspoken, says NCNW president and CEO Dr. Dorothy Height. Regional recipients are, pictured in the front row from left to right, Eleanor Stewart, Mid-Atlantic; Julia Blair Balfour, national; Dr. Dorothy Height; and Francine Johnson, Midwest. Pictured in the second row is Jackie Williams-Thurman, Southeast; Dr. Patricia Worthy Oyekishi, Western; Arlinda Davis-Jones, Southern, and Eva Spence-Johnson, Northeast.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Joint Center Appoints Vernon Jordan to Board

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies has announced that Vernon B. Jordan, Jr., an advisor to President Clinton and a senior partner in a Washington, D.C. law firm, has been elected to its Board of Governors for a three-year term. Jordan served as chairman of the Clinton Presidential Transition Board in 1992 and on the president's advisory committee for the Points of Light Initiative Foundation in 1989. His leadership posts have included serving as president of the National Urban League and as executive director of the United Negro College Fund.

NAFEO, Coors Establish Leadership Summit

The National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) has joined forces with Coors Brewing Company to establish a leadership summit for African-American college students. The program, launched this fall, will bring top African-American student government presidents together to participate in an intensive, seminar-driven learning experience. Established leaders from the business, civic, labor and community arenas will work hand-in-hand with participants. The 1997-98 school year will serve as the pilot year for the program with participants chosen this fall and the Summit scheduled for the Spring of 1998. Student leaders will hone their management, communication and leadership skill, as well as learn the importance of giving back to their communities. The program also will allow them to meet with business leaders, secure internships, pursue international study opportunities and explore graduate leadership programs.

Security Council votes to impose Sanctions Against UNITA

UNITED NATIONS, New York (IPS)—The 15-nation U.N. Security Council has unanimously voted to give the rebel National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), one month to comply with the country's 1994 peace accords or face a worldwide ban on travel by UNITA senior officials and their families, a ban on any airplanes or aircraft components from rebel-held parts of Angola and closure of UNITA's offices overseas. The penalties will take effect one minute after midnight on Sept. 30 unless UNITA fully cooperates with the stalled Angolan peace process by disarming its troops and halting propaganda broadcasts on its Radio Vozes station, the Council said. To avoid these sanctions, the rebels must convince U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan of their compliance with the peace process and he is then to report to the Council every 90 days. The Council also decided that the U.N. can maintain its force of some 2,600 soldiers in Angola through the end of October, but the withdrawal of the U.N. Observer Mission in Angola, or MONUA, will be completed by November, the Council added.

Japanese to aid only five African countries who they feel will develop

TOKYO, Japan (PANA)—While Japan has been the major development aid donor to Africa over the past 15 years, political analysts here fear that corruption, inefficiency and political instability may hinder smooth co-operation in the near future. Over the period, financial aid to Africa has grown from one percent of Japan's total foreign aid budget to 1.5 percent, but bureaucrats and politicians in Tokyo say it is difficult for them to identify the best way to help the continent. President of the Society for International Development in Japan, Ryokichi Hirano, criticized Africa's poor economic policies, political instability, and inefficient bureaucrats tasked to run key government departments. He added that the low literacy rate in many African countries contributes to scarce human resources required to pull countries from economic doldrums. He added that Africa's economic infrastructure was too dependent on primary commodities, with no improvement in domestic savings over the past four years. Because of lack of accountability for funds donated for development projects in a number of African countries, the Japanese government this year selected only five sub-Saharan countries, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe because the Japanese feel they are politically stable and interested in development.

Caribbean Trade: The rocky road towards a single market

By Wesley Gibbings

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD (IPS)—Caribbean leaders are finding that the road to a single market and economy is filled with many obstacles, and some are beginning to doubt this facility can be put in place by the turn of the century, as agreed at the last Caribbean Community (Caricom) summit held in Jamaica in June 1997. Prime Minister Kenny Anthony, St. Lucia's recently-elected leader, is one who is far from optimistic. Anthony feels that the region's "style of governance" has a lot to do with the kinds of delays now taking place as the region moves towards a single market.

"A new style of governance in Caricom requires that we make decisions that are capable of implementation, that we argue and negotiate differences so that the final accord represents not a false, facile concession, but a genuine digestion of division that ultimately produces a decision that envelops our hopes and dreams," Anthony said as he addressed the Jamaica summit.

But Shridath Ramphal, the man appointed by Caribbean governments

to spearhead negotiations with Europe and North America on the region's participation in the new global trading environment, says the region has no choice but to get things going before the year 2000.

"What would be absurd is if the external negotiations run ahead of the fulfillment of our regional agreements," said Ramphal, the chief negotiator of the Regional Negotiating Mechanism (RNM). "It (a single market and economy) can't wait for the year 2000."

The single market, which would allow free movement of goods, capital, services and people across most of the grouping's member nations, is the region's response to a changing global environment highlighted by increasing liberalization of global trade and a reduction of the traditional aid and trade packages of preferential treatment to which the region had been accustomed.

The establishment of the RNM by Caricom member states provides the opportunity for the region to present a coordinated approach to their negotiating strategies as they relate to entry to the Free Trade of the Americas (FTAA), the successor agreement to

Lome IV, Caricom/Latin America trade and Caricom-Andean Pact trade relations.

It is a point underscored by Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister Basdeo Pandey, who notes that the negotiations over the next five to seven years will determine the terms of engagement on which the region will participate in the global economy. President Bill Clinton has already signaled his intention to seek a fast track approach for membership in the FTAA which, when established by 2005, will represent the largest trading bloc in the hemisphere.

It is an approach which Caricom officials say could well determine the future prospects of the entire region.

If Clinton gets the U.S. Congress to go along with his plans, it would mean that the region should be prepared for negotiations on FTAA entry by March of next year—a timetable which would have implications for negotiation of a new Lome Convention, the aid and trade pact which links the African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) states with Europe. Those negotiations are due to begin in September 1998.—Special to the NNPA from IPS

Clinton names Satcher Surgeon General, Asst Secretary for Health

President Clinton today announced the nomination of Dr. David Satcher to serve as Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Satcher, of Tennessee, is a renowned physician, scholar, and public health leader. He has been the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention since November 1993. As Director of CDC, Dr. Satcher spearheaded initiatives that have increased childhood immunization rates, upgraded the nation's capability to respond to emerging infectious diseases, and laid the groundwork for a new Early Warning System to detect and prevent food-borne illnesses. During Dr. Satcher's tenure, the CDC has also placed a greater emphasis on prevention programs, including the CDC's comprehensive breast and cervical cancer screening program which was expanded from 18 to 50 states as well as the landmark Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health. Dr. Satcher also serves as Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease



Dr. David Satcher Registry (ATSDR), the Health and Human Services agency created by the Superfund law to prevent or mitigate adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life resulting from exposure to hazardous substances in the environment. Dr. Satcher was President of Meharry Medical College from 1982 to 1993. Prior to that, he served as professor and chairman of the Department of Community Medicine and Family Practice at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

NEW YORK—A one-day seminar: "How to Legally Fire Employees With Attitude Problems," at New York Hilton and Towers. To register, call toll-free, 1-800-255-4141.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield/North Plainfield YWCA Urban Women's Center sponsors a workshop entitled: "Writing Your Resume" from 10 a.m. to noon. For info, call 908-766-6000.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

NEWARK—The ISO 9000 Workshop for manufacturing companies seeking assistance for ISO 9000 certification at The Newark Club. For info, call (973) 245-4237.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

PARAMUS—A one-day seminar: "How to Legally Fire Employees With Attitude Problems," at the Renaissance in Paramus. To register, call toll-free 1-800-255-4141.

NEWARK—"Science and Invention" topic of Edison Sesquicentennial Lecture at Edison National Historic Site at 5:00 p.m. For info, call 973-596-6225.

NEW YORK—The Greater New York Chapter of the Nat'l Assoc. of Market Developers presents Samuel Chittom, President of the Mingo Group 6:30 a.m. at New York University. For more information, call 212-288-0665.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College offers a low-cost seminar in "Smart Stock Purchases: Choosing Financial Trends." For more information, call (201) 200-3089.

DOVER—Free Home Buyer's Seminar at the American Legion. For more information, call (201) 984-2217.

WAYNE—George Stephanopoulos will open the 1997-98 distinguished lecturer series at William Paterson University. The program, "Politics: The Art of the Impossible—A View from Washington." For more information, call 973-722-2371.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

NEWARK—Fourth Annual Union Bank Golf Tournament sponsored by the Regional Business Partnership. This popular event will once again be held at the prestigious Foxburg Golf Club in Mendham. For more information, call 973-242-6237.

EAST WINDSOR—A one-day seminar: "How to Legally Fire Employees With Attitude Problems." To register, call toll-free 1-800-255-4141.

C.I.T.E. features major speakers

This weekend, minority professionals from throughout the Bell Atlantic northeast region will gather in East Brunswick at the Consortium of Information and Telecommunications Executives, Inc. (C.I.T.E.) conference to discuss the impact of changes within the telecommunications industry. Joining the organization will be newly merged employees of NYNEX from New York.

Participants in this year's conference include Len Lauer, president and chief executive officer of Bell Atlantic—New Jersey, Suzanne A. DiBose, president of NYNEX Foundation, and Bruce S. Gordon, group president—Retail Services.

Attendees will have the opportunity to select from seven workshops led by such veterans as Cassandra Hayen of *Entrepreneur* Magazine and Willie Jolley, motivational speaker. Rev. Dr. DeForest "Buster" Soaries will conduct a youth forum Friday morning.

Johnnie Cochran, defense attorney will highlight Saturday's dinner with his keynote topic "Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere."

For information on the C.I.T.E., call, 301-598-3575.



Johnnie Cochran

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It's 'Serious Business' for young black entrepreneurs

On October 4-5, a fledgling organization called Young Black Entrepreneurs (YBE) will present their first annual "Serious Business Expo" at the Meadowlands in Secaucus, NJ. The expo "designed with one's future in mind" is a forum targeted specifically toward African-

American and Latino high school students as well as adults who are serious about their futures.

YBE's "Serious Business Expo" will introduce individuals to opportunities in education, vocational training, internships, the development of entrepreneurship, and career development.

Attendees will hear encouraging words from speakers including Dr. Lorraine Hale, President/CEO of Hale House and Bev Smith, host of BET's "Our Voices." The expo will also host computer labs, seminars, workshops, mentorship and job fair opportunities.

YBE, Inc. was founded in 1996 by six young African-American entrepreneurs, a multi-faceted media, communications, and promotions corporation. Each individual has come together with the common goal of addressing some of the social, political, and

economical issues that are affecting our communities, in particular African-American, Asian, and Latino youth.

"We anticipate over 15,000 people to attend from the tri-state area," said Jason Gill, YBE's President/CEO. "Today's young people need to know that they have career and educational options. YBE's mission is to make these options available to all young people."

In addition to the expo, YBE sponsors the National Networking Exchange, a national power networking membership of minority professional and entrepreneurs. The Exchange takes the form of monthly networking social forums and lectures to develop stronger, longer-lasting

friendship-friendly relationship that enhance and promote new business transactions in the minority business sector.

By Richard D. Gardiner
Dir. NJ Div of Taxation

Thirty-five thousand times each month, somebody walks into a New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles office to register a newly purchased used car or boat.

Each new owner fills out a registration form and a title transfer form, including the amount paid for the vehicle. The owner then pays 6 percent New Jersey sales tax on the purchase price.

Most of these 35,000 vehicle owners just want to get their paperwork done and move through the DMV's line as quickly as possible.

Unfortunately, a surprising number of the people in line on any given day also plan to cheat. State out-of-sales tax by grossly understating the price they paid for the car.

When a car or boat is sold by a dealer, it's the dealer's responsibility to collect and remit the sales tax to the State.

Piscataway Businesswoman wins Prestigious National Award



Joy Turner

ROUND BROOK—Joy J. Turner, owner of Jeffers Business Services, a tax and accounting firm located in Piscataway, NJ won the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) "Public Policy Advocate of the Year Award" at the organizations Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida earlier this month.

The recipient must meet the criterion of engaging in activities that enhance business ownership on a national level or developing a prototype at the local or regional level with potential national implications and demonstration

ing support and strengthened efforts to further NAWBO's vision, mission statement and presence in the business community.

Turner was key in getting New Jersey tax issues at the top of the priority issues presented to President Clinton and the 104th Congress as the co-chairperson of the New Jersey Tax committee. She helped to draft the new training manual currently used by Internal Revenue Service agents on Independent Contractor audits and worked with the Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service. As a consultant, she assisted the Internal Revenue Service in developing their policy on the Small Business Regulatory Fairness Act (SBREFA), the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) and is currently involved with the Simplified Tax and Wage Reporting System (STARS) project.

Turner is a Vice President of Finance of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) and past chair of Government Affairs for the organization. She was elected in 1994 as a New Jersey Delegate to the White House Business Conference and served as the Conference's Tax Issues Director of the 500-member Minority Delegates caucus.

Pending legislation would end all Affirmative Action for women and minorities

WASHINGTON—Congressman Charles T. Canady (R-FL) has introduced legislation (H.R. 1099) which would prohibit the Federal government from engaging in any affirmative action on behalf of women, African Americans, and other minorities seeking to address discrimination in education, employment, Federal contracting, Federal grants and every other area of Federal activity.

As Chair of the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the House Judiciary Committee, Canady has already reported the bill out of the Subcommittee, Judiciary Committee.

Chair, Henry Hyde (R-IL), is a co-sponsor of the bill and, apparently, has committed to reporting it out of Committee with a recommendation for passage by the full House of Representatives. A companion bill (S. 953) has been introduced in the Senate by Judiciary Committee Chair Orrin Hatch (R-UT).

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and other supporters of equal opportunity are opposing the bill, and they urge the public to write, fax or call members of the House Judiciary Committee to prevent this injustice.

Used car sales tax scam: Don't try it!

People who misrepresent the purchase price of used cars and boats cost New Jersey almost \$3 million a year in lost sales taxes. And, as always, it's the honest taxpayers in the state who end up paying more in the long run to make up for that lost revenue.

The Division of Taxation has improved its program to collect sales taxes on motor vehicles and boats transactions by computerizing our checking system. The computer flags any records that look abnormal, and those owners - between 3,500 and 5,000 of them each month-then receive letters asking for more information.

These letters have caused something of a stir. Some recipients are upset that the Division of Taxation would be so bold as to question their claim that they paid 10 percent of book value for a late model vehicle, coincidentally saving themselves hundreds of dollars in taxes.

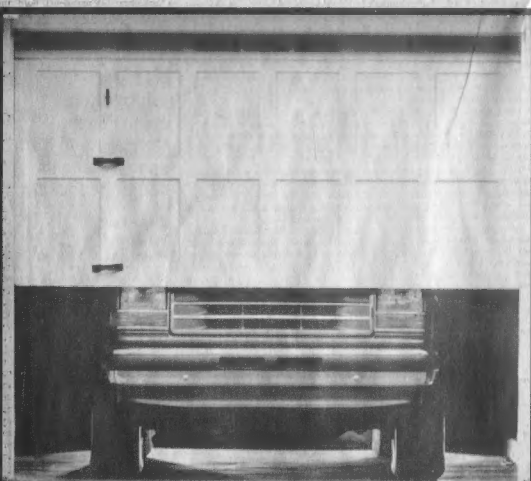
On the other hand, when someone else claims to have paid \$500 for a 1994 Mercedes Benz, we owe it to the rest of the taxpayers of New Jersey to ask for verification. Any reasonable person would think there was something odd about that transaction.

We also realize that sometimes there are unusual circumstances that cause such discrepancies. You sell your car to your child or grandchild or a friend at a price far below market value, or you buy a car that has a blown engine or bad transmission.

We're just asking that you provide some proof that you paid what you reported for the car. That proof can be an affidavit from the seller, a copy of your canceled check, or even a bill for parts or an invoice from the repair shop that did the work.

If you do have an unusual situation you purchased a car for less than the market value from a family member or friend, or bought it cheaply because it needs work-get verification of the price and file it away.

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Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

CAMDEN County Department of Health and Human Services - Childhood Immunizations 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Chestnut Street Center.

BRIDGETON - Community Health Care - How Do I Take My Medicine? 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 609-451-4700.

ELIZABETH - Elizabeth General Medical Center will sponsor a free prostate screening in the Oncology Treatment Center from 3 - 6 p.m. For more information, call 1-800-525-3462.

CHERRY HILL - Cooper Health System - Managing Eating During Cancer Treatment 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Cooper Education Center. For more information, call Linda Johnson, 609-668-7323.

VOORHEES - Cooper Health System - New Advertisers in Prostate Cancer 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Main Street Complex. For more information, call 609-668-7380 or 7387.

TRENTON - Mercer Trenton Addiction Services Center, LUSAC will sponsor a Bridge Luncheon 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Mercer Medical Center. For more information, call Linda Johnson, 609-396-4326.

WORTH AMBOY - Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corp. The "Resident Leadership Initiative" Education, training, mentoring, and job placement program. For more information, call Anita Orth, 908-646-6800 ext. 217.

UNION CITY - M.M. Carmel Guild - Open House to inform the Hispanic community on the available resources to deal with mental illness in their families 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at M.M. Carmel Guild Mental Health Center. For more information, call 201-664-0270 or 271-2735.

PATERSON - Paterson Division of Health - "Eat & Health" 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Ramon Barber Shop. For more information, call 201-881-9837.

TEANECK - Holy Name Hospital is offering a free prostate screening for men over 50 years old. For more information, call 201-537-1850.

TEANECK - Holy Name Hospital is offering a caregiver's support group. For more information, call 201-537-3157.

TEANECK - Holy Name Hospital is offering individuals the opportunity to join the Northern NJ Headbutts Disorders Association (VEDA) Support Group. For more information, call 201-633-7212.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

EDISON - JFK Medical Center presents "AARP's 55 Alive Mature Driving Course" 9:00 a.m. For more information, call 800-222-3116.

MT. HOLLY - Burlington County Community Action Program - Head Start - Nutrition on a Budget Food Expo and Low Fat Ethnic Food Contest 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Human Services Building. For more information, call Natalie Michem, 609-261-2323.

VINELAND - Community Health Care - How Do I Lose Weight? 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the Vineyard Community Health Center. For more information, call 609-451-4700.

CAMDEN - Cooper Health Systems - STOP - Student Outreach Program 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Camden Ambulatory Care Clinic. For more information, call 609-342-2499.

CAMDEN - Cooper Health Systems - Screening Program 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at Riverview Towers Senior Citizens Residence. For more information, call 609-668-7380 or 7387.

COPE Center, Inc. - AIDS Support Group 6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. For more information, call Robert Slesner, 973-783-6655.

CAMDEN - Cooper Health Systems - Women's Cancer Screening Project 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Bergen Lining Health Center. For more information, call 609-668-7380 or 7387.

CAMDEN - Cooper Health Systems - "The Healthy Male" 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Camden Community Farmer's Market. For more information, call 609-668-7380 or 7387.

PATERSON - Hispanic Multi-Purpose Service Center - Trauma/Disaster/Disaster Preparedness risk reduction. For more information, call Cynthia Gonzales, 973-684-3520.

NEWARK - International Black Women's Congress - 13th National Congress through the 20th. Violence against black women: sociological solutions 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Sheraton Airport, Newark, NJ. For more information, call Dr. LaFrancis Rodgers-Rose 201-926-0570.

LONG BRANCH - Monmouth Medical Center - Community Services Department - A day in the Community - provides health information and screenings at the West End Elementary School. For more information, call 201-874-1141.

State announces \$500,000 to combat infant mortality

TRENTON—Health and Senior Services Commissioner Len Fishman announced the state will develop a \$500,000 public awareness campaign as part of a renewed effort to reduce the number of black babies dying in the first year of life.

The information campaign will tell New Jerseyans, and especially those in the African-American community, that the black infant mortality rate is still more than double the rate for white babies. The campaign will direct women to prenatal care and other programs, and will promote healthy lifestyle choices that can lead to healthier babies.

Fishman made the announcement recently as he accepted the final report of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Black Infant Mortality. Secretary of State Donna Luoma and members of the panel, who pointed out the need for such an educational campaign, joined the Commissioner at the event at the State House.

"It sounds simple, but an awareness program is essential and it's something we can begin to tackle now," said Commissioner Len

Fishman. "We must make sure that health care providers, the public and especially the black community know the true scope of this problem. These deaths should not be regarded as just a sad fact of life." Black infant mortality, which is a national problem, is a complex issue with no one solution, the panel said in its final report. However, the report did outline a number of findings, including the concern that current black infant mortality reduction programs are not being adequately evaluated. Programs should develop measurable goals against which performance can be judged, with future funding possibly tied to success in meeting those goals.

As part of the state's effort, the department will also examine ways to improve or expand the cultural sensitivity training programs available to physicians and nurses. Additional training for health care providers was identified as a priority by the Blue Ribbon panel. The department will be working with many organizations' including the Medical Society of New

'THE KITCHEN' The Medicine Cabinet of the Home

By Viviane Myers-Alexander

When our mothers, fathers and grandparents were growing up with their brothers and sisters, they thought nothing of getting up before dawn to walk miles to a back country road, picking blackberries or going to a fresh vegetable market or stand, buying things like butter beans, mustard green, and sweet potatoes, and then walking back the mile and having a hearty breakfast. They all sat down in the kitchen, not standing up or in a rush, savoring the food and the warmth of the kitchen.

Now-a-days few people can walk any distance or eat with care the way our parents and grandparents did. Our modern lifestyle contributes to ill health; we exercise too little and eat too much of the wrong food, food that contributes to our getting sick. We as a people, have a higher risk of heart

disease, diet related disease and cancer compared to other ethnic groups, and we are dying from it. But, we can change that and that is good news. We can eat right, by making the right food choices, and that all starts in the kitchen. We can reduce the risk of getting sick by making the aforementioned diseases.

THINGS TO DO
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• Use sugars in moderation
• If you drink, do so in moderation
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• Maintain a healthy kitchen environment

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Nurses graduate from intern program



Caption: Mary Hanna, CEO, Essex Valley Visiting Nurse Association, Interns Shafat Perveen Shaikh, Satoni D. Carr, Barbara Cella Seger, Jeanine Wray-Langervine, Home Care Practice Advisor. In the rear, shown are Joseph Watson, Chairman of the Board, Debra Ann Thomson, Jodeen M. Virata, Taiopora P. Gurell and Dr. Linda Flynn, COO of EVVNA.

EAST ORANGE—The Nursing Internship Program at the Essex Valley Visiting Nurse Association has become widely recognized for excellence in nursing, graduating nurses with a keen sense of community nursing and sound experience in clinical care.

Mary Hanna, CEO of the Essex Valley VNA said at the graduation ceremony, "We have helped you to build the foundation, but now it's time for you to build the structure of your nursing career. She added, "You are talented, gifted and qualified, some of the brightest and best nurses in Essex County, the state of New Jersey and in the United States."

Six nurses graduated from the Nursing Internship Program. The nurses are Satoni D. Carr of Teaneck, Taiopora P. Gurell, also of Teaneck, Barbara Cella Seger of Kinnelon, Shafat Perveen Shaikh of Nutley, Debra Ann Thomson of North Arlington and Jodeen M. Virata of Jersey City.

The students had from various colleges and universities including Howard University, Rutgers, William Paterson, Fairleigh Dickinson University and Jersey City State College.



Jersey, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, the New Jersey Hospital Association, the Academy of Pediatrics and the New Jersey chapter of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Seven maternal and child health consortia were created to coordinate services in their regions. Other programs aimed at infant mortality reduction include: the Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies outreach program in 11 cities; the HealthStart program of prenatal and pediatric care for women and young children; the pilot project with Delta Sigma Theta sorority to provide mentors to about 200 black pregnant women statewide; and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Food Program.

Black nurses show concern for the community

By g.r. mattox

Concerned Black Nurses of Newark, Inc. was founded about 20 years ago to assist minority nursing professionals and the communities in which they serve. During this time the membership, in solo projects or in collaboration with other organizations, have managed to have a voice in meeting the many of the needs of Newark's African-Americans. "We need to have our own."

Founder and President Emeritus Annette Hubbard is dedicated to the nursing profession and to this particular brand of community activism. Along with a nursing degree received at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, she received undergraduate and graduate degrees at Seton Hall and Jersey City State, respectively.

"When I got out of school in Atlanta, Blacks were not allowed to join the state nursing association, but I was able to join the American Nurses Association outright, Hubbard says. However, this organization was not addressing the need of the black community. We needed to have our own." She was instrumental in founding the Newark group after attending a meeting of National Black Nurses.

The organization gives free health

screenings and maintains ongoing research on hypertension and diabetes as a regular activity. "The problems are of great concern to our people," Hubbard said. "And we do this as a part of getting our people into some sort of health system because—with the turn of managed healthcare is taking the only kind of healthcare some people will be able to get is what is free." Hubbard still maintains active membership in both the state and American Nurses Associations. "This helps me to oversee our organization and keep on top of trends in the profession, she says.

The closing of United Hospitals in Newark earlier this year of particular concern for the members of the organization. "A lot of our nurses have been put out of work, and when jobs become available we know who they get them first," she said. Although many of these workers have received unemployment, they still have trouble obtaining the basic necessities."

To help these displaced workers with their situation, she has enlisted the assistance Dr. Edward Verner, a long-time practitioner in Newark and a member of Northern New Jersey Churchmen. The two groups have tentative plans to organize a food drive for those out of work.

Children's Specialized Hospital recognizes physical therapists

MOUNTAINSIDE—Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants in New Jersey and throughout the nation will celebrate October as National Physical Therapy Month.

The theme for the celebration, "Physical Therapy for Healthy Living," emphasizes physical therapy's comprehensive approach to health care. This theme ties in with the 1996 Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, which stated that moderate physical activity for 30 minutes a day can have significant health benefits.

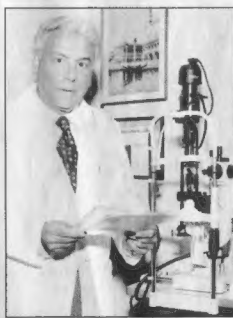
At Children's Specialized Hospital, the physical therapist works with the patient to increase body

motion, regain strength and achieve independence through active and passive exercises, swimming and the use of equipment such as splints, casts and braces.

National Physical Therapy Month is sponsored by the American Physical Therapy Association—a national professional organization representing more than 72,000 physical therapists. CSH's Pediatric Physical Therapy Month. Its goal is to foster advancements in physical therapy practice, research and education. More than 90,000 physical therapists practice in the U.S. today, treating nearly one million people every day.

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NEW YORK, NY—The Morris-Jamison Association presents a lecture on the Harlem Renaissance. For more information, call (212) 923-8006.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
ROSLYN HARBOR, NY—The Art of Craft Festival, an exposition designed as Long Island's most elegant American crafts event is to be held at the Nassau County Museum of Art, One Museum Drive. For more information, call 516-484-9337.

NEWARK—African Globe TheatreWorks presents Gary Garrison's "When a Diva Dreams" at Newark Symphony Hall. For more information, call (973) 624-1584.

BEDMINSTER—Somerset Arts Association presents Stone Sculpture from Zimbabwe Exhibition and Sale. For more information, call (908) 234-2345.

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NEW BRUNSWICK—George Street Playhouse announces "The Sunshine Boy" by Neil Simon. For more information, call (732) 246-7717.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Jazz Institute of New Brunswick's Youth Ensemble will perform at Youth Services Day. For more information, call (732) 214-0113.

PHILADELPHIA, PA—Philadelphiadance presents "Tango Vivo!" Tango Ball with live music by the New York Tango Trio and performances by Daniela & Amadeo through the 28th. For more information, call Jean Fung (215) 628-5254.

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African Globe Theatre presents A Touch of R.E.A.L.L.I.T.Y. and When a Diva Dreams



African Globe is pleased to announce its third season of plays. This year's season will focus on original works of new playwrights such as Gary Garrison's "When a Diva Dreams" and "A Touch of R.E.A.L.L.I.T.Y." This play is a love story. It is about the love of self, friends and good family. Not the family that raised you, but the family that you've ever chased a dream, you'll understand that "When a Diva Dreams," honey, watch out. It's a fire on a wheat field. "When a Diva Dreams" runs from September 26 - October 5.

Larry Doby - Silk City Slugger first in the American League

The Paterson Museum is proud to announce its upcoming exhibit, *Larry Doby—Silk City Slugger: First in the American League*. The exhibit, scheduled to run from September 25, through February 28, 1998, will trace Mr. Doby's pioneering baseball career and will serve as a hometown tribute to the man who broke the color barrier in the American League. *Larry Doby—Silk City Slugger: First in the American League* will be a multi-media, interpretive exhibit featuring photographs, artifacts, videos and personal reminiscences. The opening day reception for Mr. Doby will be held on Thursday, September 25, at 1p.m.

Larry Doby came to the city of Paterson upon graduation from the Marine Academy in Camden, South Carolina. He was Eastside High School's first four letterman, excelling in football, basketball, track and, of course, baseball. After completing high school, he spent the summer of 1942 playing professional baseball for the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League under the alias, Larry Walker, a common tactic used in those days to protect one's amateur status. He entered Long Island University in the fall of '42, but with the onset of WWII, he was

soon drafted into the Navy. When the war ended, he rejoined the Newark Eagles. He was an All-Star second baseman who led the Eagles to the 1946 Negro League World Series Championship. (He is one of only four players to have played in both the Negro League and Major League World Series.)

Larry Doby spent 13 years in the Major Leagues, mostly with the Cleveland Indians, although he also played for the Chicago White Sox and the Detroit Tigers. He won the A.L. home run title in '52 and '54 with 32 homers and also won the RBI title in '54 with 126 RBIs. This slugging highlights include eight consecutive seasons with 20 or more homers, nine consecutive seasons with 80 or more runs scored and five seasons with more than 100 RBIs. He ended his Major League career in 1959 with 253 homers and a lifetime batting average of .283. He had been named to seven consecutive All-Star teams. In 1962 he joined long time friend and Dodger legend, Don Newcombe, in Japan, playing for the Chunichi Dragons of Nippona for one season.

He returned to organized ball in the late 60's as a scout and then coach of the

A TOUCH OF REALITY brings together multiple variations of voices of an enraged people to whom you ever felt the emotion of oppression? Well, this group can make you think you have. Three young college students who enjoyed reciting poetry came together to form this unique type of trio. Craig Knight, 1994 graduate with a B.A. in English, Horace Jackson, 1995 graduate with a B.A. in Theater, and Tamara Davis, a 1996 graduate with a B.A. in Communications, all met at Kean College of New Jersey and are the one and only *A TOUCH OF REALITY*.

A TOUCH OF REALITY is a continuation in the way of African Oral tradition. Having opened for popular rap groups like The Fugees and The Lost Boys, they have also opened for their mentors, the world famous Last Poets. Performing throughout the state of New Jersey at every event, program, and activity that they could, paying themselves enough for meals, they have been able to create a following. They have performed for many different audiences (black, white, multiracial, old & young) and have gained the respect of all who have experienced one of their shows. Their wide range of acceptance was displayed at Essex County College's gymnasium, in Newark, where they performed at the Alpha Phi Alpha 15th Annual Step Show

and received a standing ovation from its diverse audience. *A TOUCH OF REALITY* is a demonstration of the upliftment of humanity. Their clear way of displaying the emotions felt by some of the most complicated subjects is both entertaining as it is

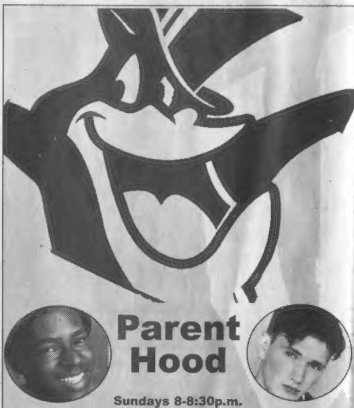


Drums in the global village

By Todd Burroughs

Oprah Winfrey's busts Black nationalist stereotypes of her not being "Black enough" in the September issue of *VIBE* magazine. In what has got to be her most "Black" interview yet, Winfrey tells Harry Allen of morning candlelighting ceremonies where she calls aloud the name of an enslaved African, her talking about slavery with Toni Morrison (Winfrey is bringing Morrison's "Beloved" to film), and of making sure African Americans do not look bad on television. Great statements from easily the most powerful Black person in television, right? Well, maybe even Winfrey's power has limits, as when she talks about her interview last season with former Los Angeles Police Detective Mark Furman, the racist made famous during the O.J. trial. She says after when "I sat on the air that Mark Furman was not an aberration to Black people. [I] got the worst late mail of my career."

Added Allen: "While discussing this with a member of your audience, you said, 'If I go any further, I'm gonna get in trouble.' Winfrey: 'What I meant by that is, people are so uneducated—that it is so easy to have anything you say be misinterpreted and not understood, because the racial divide is so great. You should see the mail I got after that show. Vile things like, 'That's the reason God hasn't given you any children, so you can't spread your racist hatred.' Winfrey, self-described in this article as one who was raised to please everyone, also responds to critics who say she is not very outspoken: "[W]hat do you want me to do, go on the air every day and speak to what I feel about every issue? What I feel about how children are treated in this country? What I feel about the way women are treated in this country? I don't express every day on the air. What you see on the air is just a dimension of my life. That isn't the full expression of who I am." After putting these "Q and A" interview quotes together, I just have one question: If the most beloved Black person on American television cannot speak her mind on her own television show, then why should we expect ANY Black person working for white media to try to reflect our real anger and anguish, and then to be so hard on them if he or she doesn't?



Parent Hood

Sundays 8-8:30p.m.

The award-winning comedy series "The Parent Hood," which tied last year with "Sister, Sister" as The WB's #1 rated program, is back for a third season. Named last season by the Media Research Center in Virginia as one of the five most "family friendly" prime-time television shows, "The Parent Hood" humorously captures the joys and challenges of family life in the '90s. Two-line CableACE Award winner Robert Townsend ("Hollywood Shuffle," "Robert Townsend and His Partners in Crime") stars, along with Suzanne Douglas ("Tap," "Jason's Lyric"), Kenny Black ("Tall Hopes," "The Super"), Rengan Gomez ("Freaky Friday"), Curt Williams, Jr. ("Corrina, Corrina"), Ashli Amari Adams and Falzon Love ("Meteor Man"),

FALL TV PREVIEW:

Will it gain vital black viewers?

The Steve Harvey Show Sundays 8:30-9 p.m. ET



From the powerhouse production team of Bernie Brillstein and Brad Grey ("NewsRadio"), "The Larry Sanders Show," Winifred Harvey ("The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," "In the House") and Sana Lathan ("Moesha," "Roc," "South Central") comes "The Steve Harvey Show," a saucy, smart new comedy about a '70s performer trying to teach '90s teenagers at an inner-city Chicago high school. The series stars comedian Steve Harvey ("Mr. and the Boys," "Showtime at the Apollo"), Cedric "The Entertainer" ("Def Comedy Jam," BET's "Comicview"), Wendy Raquel Robinson ("Minnie Adjustment," "NYPD Blue"), Merlin Santana ("Hangin' With Mr. Cooper," "Moesha"), Tracy Vilar ("First Time Out," "Crooklyn") and newcomer Neida Ferry and William Lee Scott. In the '70s, Steve Highower (Harvey) was the leader of a hit R&B group, Steve Highower and the Highites. He opened for acts like Gladys Knight and the Pips and was just one "Drew" short of becoming a Commodores. Fast forward to the '90s, where Steve has just accepted a much more challenging gig: teaching music to teenagers at an inner-city high school.

Sister, Sister Wednesday 8-8:30 p.m. ET



From two-time Emmy Award-winning executive producer Suzanne de Passe comes the hit sitcom "Sister, Sister," back for a fourth season with an impressive, two-year, 44-episode pick-up from The WB network. The series, which tied for first place last season as The WB's top-rated program, star real-life identical twins Tia Mowry, Tamara Mowry ("Flesh 'N' Blood"), Jackie Harvey ("277") and Tim Reid ("WKRP in Cincinnati," "Frank's Place"). Last season, "Sister, Sister," averaged The WB's best-ever share of household women, teens and kids at 8 p.m. Tia and Tamara held the 15th highest TV score among female, prime-time television performers, and they have won Best Actress honors two years in a row on Nickelodeon's "Kids' Choice Awards."

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Bids will be received until 4:00 P.M. on October 23rd, 1997 at the offices of the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, 700 County Avenue, Secaucus, New Jersey, 07094. The bid will be publicly opened and read aloud at the 7:00 P.M. meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Bidding documents, and proposed forms of contract documents, including specifications, will be on file beginning September 18th, 1997 at the offices of the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus.

Copies of the documents may be obtained at the offices of the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus beginning September 18th, 1997.

The bidding will be available for examination between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, New Jersey, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties in an amount equal to not less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid amount shall be submitted with each bid.

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All bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127.

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The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory performance and payment bond for the full amount of the contract. Such bonds shall be obtained from a company which appears on the latest edition of the Federal List of Approved Surety Companies Department of Treasury Circular #570. Bonds obtained from Surety Companies which do not appear on the list will be considered unsatisfactory.

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No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus.

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New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services - Notice of Availability of Grant Funds for the Education and Public Awareness to bring about the Recruitment of Adoptive Homes for African-American Children

Take Notice that the Division of Youth and Family Services is requesting proposals from community based agencies, organizations, or com-

sortiums for a Public Awareness Program to educate, engage and recruit homes for African-American Children. The services are to be provided in New Jersey. Notice of this will be published on or about October 6, 1997 in the New Jersey Register. Copies of the request for proposal may also be obtained by attending the bidders conference on October 15, 1997 at 10:00 AM at:

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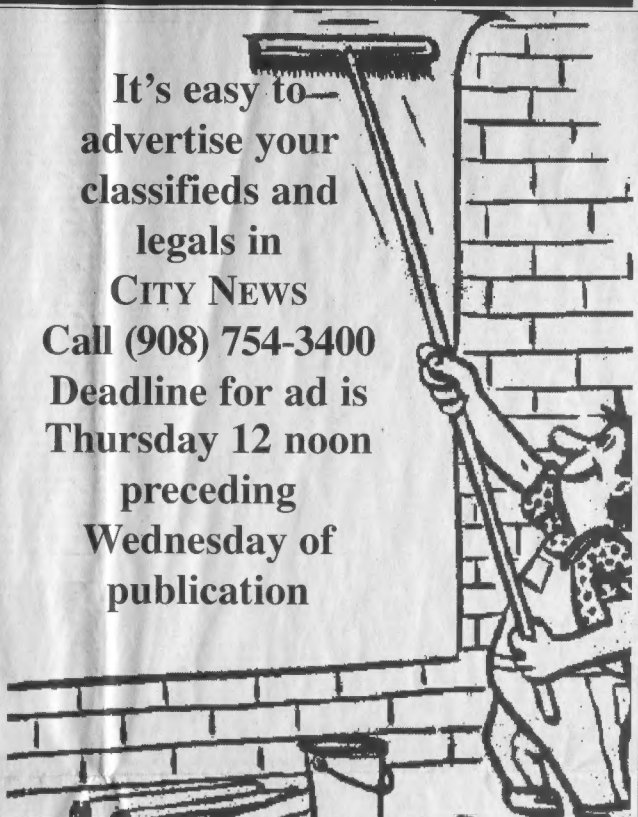
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